SSIs in Gujarat

3647. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES so pleased to state:

(a) total number of registered SSI units in Gujarat as on date and how many of them are working;

(b) whether Government have provided funds to the State Government for development of SSI sector[of the State; and

(c) if so, the details for the last three years; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The total number of registered SSI units in the State of Gujarat as on 31st January, 2000 was 2,38,624. In the absence of any Census of registered units of the recent past, up to date data on number of working units are not available.

(b) and (c) During the years 1997-98 and 1998-99, the Ministry of SSI & ARI incurred expenditure of Rs. 735.10 crore and Rs. 708.30 crore respectively for the development and promotion of Small and Cottage Industries of the entire Country. The estimated expenditure for the year 1999-2000 is Rs. 640, crore. Funds for promotion of Small Scale Industites are eleased schemewise and are not allotted statz-wise

Restructuring of KVIC

3648. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that restructuring of KVIC is being done;

(b) if so, whether it is being done departmentally or entrusted to some other agency;

(c) if so, the details; and

(d whether any study has been made in the past and any action taken on that basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) In view of the new economic situation, a study is being conxducted by M/s. Anithur Andersen India Pvt. Ltd. to suggest measures to make KVI sector vibrant and viable. No Such study through a management consultant has been made by the Government in the past.

Constitution of KVIC

3649. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that KVIC has not been constituted even after the six months of expiry of the last term;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that restructuring of KVIC is under process; and

(d if so, the need and the outline of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The constitution of the Commission is under consideration.

(c) and (d) In view of the new economic situation, a study is being conducted by M/s. Arthur Andersen India Pvt. Ltd. to suggest measures to make the KVI sector vibrant and [viable.

Quality Upgradation in SSI Sector in Bihar

3650 . SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing enhanced technology support for modernisation and quality upgradation to SSI sector in Bihar,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?